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SUBJECT: OCEAN DUMPING

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM CMDR. RENSON OF THE SCIENTIFIC POLICY SERVICE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE THAT THE BELGIANS HAVE 600 TONS OF WORLD WAR 1 MUNITIONS WHICH THEY WILL MOST LIKELY DUMP AT SEA IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY ALTERNATIVE DISPOSAL METHOD. RENSON NOTED THAT WORLD WAR 1 MUNITIONS ARE UNCOVERED EVERY TIME CONSTRUCTION IS BEGUN ANYWHERE IN BELGIUM, AND THAT THE DISPOSAL PROBLEM WILL THEREFORE BE LIVELY FOR YEARS TO COME. HE NOTED AS WELL THAT THESE OLD MUNITIONS, RUSTED, ENCRUSTED AND POSSESSING CHARACTERISTICS WITH WHICH MODERN EXPERTS ARE NOT THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR, PRESENTED SPECIAL DANGERS WITH RESPECT TO DISARMING, AND THAT DUMPING IS THE ONLY SOLUTION THUS FAR AVAILABLE TO BELGIUM. FINALLY, RENSON ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SUCH DUMPING WAS CONTRARY TO THE TERMS OF THE LONDON

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AGREEMENT AND THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD THEREFORE TAKE ON ADDED

DIMENSIONS WHEN THAT AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE SOMETIME
NEXT YEAR, (JULY 13 EDITION OF SOCIALIST DAILY "LE PEUPLE"
CARRIES FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL PROTESTING ALLEGED DEFENSE MINISTRY
PLANS TO DUMP WORLD WAR 1 GAS SHELLS INTO THE ATLANTIC.)
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